

**Remarks**

The TITLE has been amended above as requested in Section 3 of the action.

Claims 1, 18, 31 and 35 have been amended above to recite “A control system and a food product slicer” as suggested by the examiner in Section 4 of the action. Various of the dependent claims have been amended to include a similar recitation for consistency. Accordingly, withdrawal of the claim objection set forth in Section 4 of the action is requested.

Claim 7 has been amended to recite “one of the plurality of window regions” as suggested in Section 5 of the action. Claim 1 has been amended to recite “a plurality of window regions” as suggested in Section 5 of the action. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objections set forth in Section 5 of the action is requested.

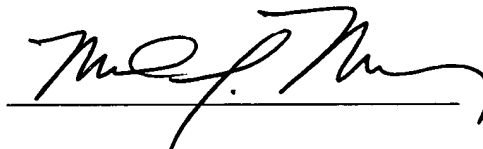
Claim 2 has been canceled and therefore withdrawal of the drawing objection relating to claim 2 as set forth in Section 2 of the action is appropriate. Applicants make no admission regarding the appropriateness of the drawing objection.

Regarding claims 31, 33 and 34, claim 31 recites an encoder arrangement “associated with the pivot link and including a first part that moves back and forth with the pivot link and a second part that remains stationary during movement of the pivot link, one of the first part and the second part producing a signal output responsive to movement of the pivot link.” Thus, claim 31 does not expressly state which of the first part or the second part produces the claimed signal. Claim 31 reads on the encoder arrangement as illustrated in Figs. 4, 5 and 6, and therefore no additional drawing is required to comply with 37 CFR 1.83(a) as applied to claim 31. Claim 33 has been amended to expressly recite that “the second part includes a light source” and claim 34 has been amended to expressly recite that “the first part includes a windowed mask element.” Claims 31 and 34 are therefore entirely consistent with the encoder arrangement illustrated in Figs. 4, 5 and 6. Accordingly, withdrawal of the drawing objections as applied to claims 31, 33 and 34 is requested.

Claim 35 has been amended to effectively incorporate the subject matter of claims 36-38, which have been canceled, and recites "an encoder arrangement including a first part that moves with part of the drive arrangement and a second part that remains stationary during movement of the part of the drive arrangement, one of the first part and the second part providing a signal output responsive to movement of the part of the drive arrangement, wherein the second part is a linear member and the encoder arrangement utilizes Hall effect technology." Applicants make no admission regarding the appropriateness of the drawing objection to claim 35. However, new drawing Fig. 11 has been added above in order to address the examiners drawing objection based upon 37 CFR 1.83(a). Pages 3 and 12 of the specification are also amended above in view of the addition of Fig. 11. No new matter has been added, as this subject matter was disclosed on page 12 of the application as originally filed. Withdrawal of the drawing objection pertaining to claim 35 is requested.

All of pending claims 1, 3-25 and 31-35 are believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the foregoing. Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend the drawings to include new drawing Fig. 11 as set forth in the attached drawing labeled "Fig. 11."